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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ROMANIAN FONMIN MACOVESCU

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE SECRETARY MET FIFTEEN MINUTES WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU OCT. 6. THEY AGREED TO PROMOTE
BILATERAL TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AND EXCHANGE HIGH
LEVEL VISITS. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF
DEFERRING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY

2. THE SECRETARY MET FIFTEEN MINUTES EVENING OCTOBER 6 WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU FOR PICTURE TAKING REQUESTED BY
ROMANIANS. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE, COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT, AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN ALSO ATTENDED.

E. MACOVESCU EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT STATE
US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S
HELP VIS A VIS US CONGRESS, AND HOPED WE WOULD NOW TRY TO
EXTEND BILATERAL TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. THE
SECRETARY ASSURED HIM THAT US IS PREPARED TO DO THIS AND
ALSO TO EXCHANGE HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE
US ATTACHES TO GOOD RELATIONS.

4. MACOVESCU NOTED SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON NAMIBIA
AND DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING PREPARED BY AFRICANS. HE SAID
HE HOPED "US WOULD NOT BE TOO HARD", AND THAT A US VETO WOULD
"LOOK BAD". THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT BEST THING SECURITY
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COUNCIL COULD DO WOULD BE TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE

FOR ABOUT A MONTH. HE MADE CLEAR THAT US WOULD NOT HESITATE
TO VETO ANY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA IT DOES
NOT LIKE. THE SECRETARY STRESSED THAT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.
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